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The Monterey Peninsula Chess Club meets each Thursday evening at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 467 Alvarado St., Monterey

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club will be held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, January 14, 1971. Election of our Club officers will take place at this time. All MPCCLUB members are urged to attend.



Membership dues are due and payable as of the last day of the year. Make checks payable to Monterey Peninsula Chess Club. Eight dollars (\$8.00) for regular membership; Four dollars, (\$4.00) for juniors under 19 years; Four dollars (\$4.00) for enlisted personnel on active duty with the Armed Services.



Rapid Transit Tournament will be held at the place of meeting on Thursday January 7. Tournament winner (must be member of MPCCLUB) will receive a prize and have his name and the date engraved on the Rapid Transit Plaque.



International Grand Master Shawn Browne, played a simultaneous exhibition against 22 boards at the Casa Chess Center on Saturday, December 5. He also gave a short lecture on several of his important games.

SUHOBECK SAYS:

The following game was played by Alex Suhobeck, (USCF Master) vs Mike Ewell, (USCF Expert) during the Monterey County Chess Championship Tournament at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, December 12 - 13. In winning this game, Suhobeck became the Monterey County Chess Champion for 1970. Ewell was last year's champion.

Suhobeck - White	Sicilian	Black - Ewell
1. P-K4	P-QB4	P-N3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	R-QN1
3. P-Q4	PXP	Note that 25...R-B2 blocks the only exit for the N.
4. QXP, a comparatively rare continuation and therefore not so well known. Should White succeed in keeping his Q in the center his position will be preferable to Black's.		26. B-K6ck K-N2
4. ...N-QB3		27. P-KB4 KR-Q1
5. B-QN5 Q-R4 ck ?		28. P-KN4, Threatening the B. 28. ...K-B1?
with the idea of 6...QXB; 7. NXQ, NXQ; 8. NXN, - the trouble is Black loses his castling by following this line.		28...P-KN4 was out of the question because of 29.P-KB5 locking in the B forever. (or even 29.P-KR4!! winning a pawn with a strong attack.) The text move is quite an unfortunate choice.
6. N-B3 B-K3		28...K-R1 was a must.
7. B-K3 N-B3		29. P-KN5 B-N2
8. O-O N-Q2		30. P-KB5 N-B2
9. Q-Q2, not 9.BXN, parting with his B and centralizing Black's pawns.		31. PXP NXB
9. ...P-QR3		32. PKN PXP
10. B-K2 N(2)-K4		33. PXP PXP
11. N-Q5, how else to deal with the threat of 11...N-QB5. P-QN3 would weaken the QB3 square. The text move permits major exchanges yet doesn't liberate Black's game.		34. BXP BXB
11. ...NXNck		35. RXBck K-N2?
12. BXN QXQ		In time pressure Black commits a grave error. 35...K-K2!; 36. RXP, R-KN1! is much better than the text.
13. BXQ BXN		36. R-B7ck K-R3
14. PXB N-Q5?		37. P-K7 R-K1
difficult to grasp! After 14...N-K4; this horse is more mobile and less endangered.		38. R-Q2 P-QN4
15. B-K4 R-B1		39. BPXP PXP
16. P-B3, hasty move, 16. B-Q3 instead would lead to a much better game for White. (Exchanging the N at Black's QN4 and opening the QR file.) 16... N-N4		40. P-R5 QR-QB1
17. P-Qr4 N-B2		Just as hopeless is 40...R-N2;
18. P-QB4 P-KN3		41. RXP, RXP; 42. RXR, RXR; 43. R-N6, R-K4; 44. K-B2, etc.
19. B-QB3 P-B3		41. RXP R-B8ck
20. P-QN4 B-N2		42. K-N2 R-B7ck
21. QR-B1 K-B2		43. K-B3 R-B6ck
22. B-B3 N-R1		44. K-K4 R(1)-QB
23. B-Q4 B-R3		45. K-Q5 R-B8
		46. R-B8 R(1)-B2
		47. RXPck K-R2
		48. R-R8ck Resigns

A move that doesn't fit into a general picture. True it has some tactical finesse that White has to guard against. Aside of that it is bad.

Annotations by the Monterey County Chess Champion - 1970 - Alex Suhobeck.

SUHOBECK WINS MONTEREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Alex Suhobeck, USCF Master, of Monterey, swept aside all opposition to win the title (again) of Monterey County Chess Champion - 1970. The five round swiss system tournament, directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski, was held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center in Monterey, on December 12 and 13. The 32 players, all members of USCF, are residents of Monterey County or military personnel stationed in Monterey County.

David Sewell, of Salinas, won the title of Monterey County Junior Chess Champion - 1970. Dolores Anderson, of Carmel Valley, was awarded the title of Monterey County Woman Chess Champion - 1970. Chuck Wagner was declared the best military entry.

Wayne Sewell, of Salinas, David Henry, of Carmel, Ken Roberson and Bruce Cathey, both of Monterey, won special prizes.

In addition to titles, winners received trophies, cash and chess book prizes.

CROSS TABLE

#	NAME	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	score
1.	Alex Suhobeck*	W17	W 9	W 6	W 8	W 2	5
2.	Mike Ewell*	W24	W18	W 3	W 4	L 1	4
3.	David Sewell	W16	W 7	L 2	W12	W 8	4
4.	Dan Maxwell	W20	W19	W12	L 2	W10	4
5.	Bernie Iainson	W26	L13	W19	W14	W11	4
6.	Chuck Nystrom	W21	W10	L 1	D 9	W18	3½
7.	Calvin Tanaka	W28	L 3	W22	W18	D 9	3½
8.	Mitchell Bedford	W23	W14	W13	L 1	L 3	3
9.	Wayne Sewell	W25	L 1	W23	D 6	D 7	3
10.	Virgil Pope	W15	L 6	W16	W21	L 4	3
11.	Richard Bustamante	W22	L12	W17	W13	L 5	3
12.	Chuck Wagner	W29	W11	L 4	L 3	W21	3
13.	David Henry	W27	W 5	L 8	L11	W20	3
14.	Richard Osborne	W31	L 8	W20	L 5	W26	3
15.	Robert Amundson	L10	L16	W25	W23	W24	3
16.	Ken Roberson	L 3	W15	L10	W19	D17	2½
17.	Gary Clark	L 1	W25	L11	W22	D16	2½
18.	George Oakes*						
19.	Ron Atkinson						
20.	Bruce Catley						
21.	John Anderson						
22.	John Jarowski						
23.	Sam Gales						
24.	Gerald Gerstl						
25.	Dolores Anderson						
26.	Bill Kennedy						
each won two points.							
27.	Steve Vandervoort						
28.	Paul Person						
29.	Bill Burgess						
30.	Jeff Rushton						
each won one point.							
31.	Sam Lowe						
32.	Mike Friddle						
each won ½ point.							

* Former County Chess Champions.

GREG WREN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL TOURNAMENT

28 players gathered at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center on Saturday Dec 19 and Sunday Dec 20 to enjoy a four round swiss tournament. Directed by Ted Yudacufski the play went smoothly and all enjoyed the excellent tournament

CROSS TABLE

#	NAME	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	SCORE
1.	Richard Bustamante	W15	W16	W4	W11	4
2.	David Sewell	W22	W 5	W11	D 3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	Ted Yudacufski	W12	W20	W10	D 2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Gene Newmann	W21	W13	L 1	W17	3
5.	Greg Wren	W23	L 2	W15	W12	3
6.	Mitchell Bedford	L13	W21	W 7	W18	3
7.	David Henry	W28	W14	L 6	W10	3
8.	Calvin Tanaka	W24	L10	W26	W14	3
9.	George Layton	L10	W24	W21	W20	3
10.	George Oakes	W 9	W 8	L 3	L 7	2
11.	Bernie Iainson	W17	W18	L 2	L 1	2
12.	Ron Atkinson	L 3	W23	W16	L 5	2
13.	Ken Hurns	W 6	L 4	L14	W25	2
14.	Wayne D. Sewell	W26	L 7	W13	L8	2
15.	Gary Clark	L 1	W27	L 5	W23	2
16.	Jeff Gorgas	W27	L 1	L12	W26	2
17.	Virgil Pope	L11	W19	W20	L 4	2
18.	Charles Daly	W25	L11	W22	L 6	2
19.	David Hubbard	L20	L17	W27	W22	2
20.	Bradley Mills	W19	L 3	L17	L 9	1
21.	Sam Gales	L 4	L 6	L 9	W28	1
22.	Gerald Gerstl	L 2	W25	L18	L19	1
23.	John Anderson	L 5	L12	W28	L15	1
24.	Steve Vandervoort	L 8	L 9	L25	W27	1
25.	Steve Hand	L18	L22	W24	L13	1
26.	Bill Kennedy	L14	W28	L 8	L16	1
27.	Mike Friddle	L16	L15	L19	L24	0
28.	Jeff Rushton	L 7	L26	L23	L21	0

George Oakes, of the Salinas Chess Club, had the toughest schedule. All of his games were played against players finishing ahead of him. His two wins being the only losses for Tanaka and Layton.



The Casa Alvarado Chess Center will offer the George Washington Cherry Tree Special for your pleasure on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21.

5 rounds swiss TD Ted Yudacufski USCF Rated Feb 20 & 21

Entry fee: \$7.00 Casa Members: \$5.00

Must be member of USCF.

Cash prizes - Cherry Tree - Cherry Pie - Cherry Ice cream -

Celebrate George's Birthday by playing chess at

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THE ROOKERY: A compilation of information of and for the membership.

In a recent meeting of the Salinas Chess Club, Sam Lowe was elected President; Richard Bustamante, vice president; and Virgil Pope, Secretary-treasurer. The Club meets at the John Steinbeck Library on Friday nites.

Mike Ewell, of Monterey, is playing in the California State Chess Championship play-off tournament and has a schedule to meet that you wouldn't believe. Mike earned his chance to play in this tournament by accumulating more CCCA qualifying points than any other Central California Chess Association representative except Jude Acers, of San Francisco. When Acers declared that he was unable to participate in the tourney, Ewell was appointed the CCCA standard bearer. These points are gathered by playing in tournaments sponsored by CCCA affiliates. A CCCA committee, under a complicated system, determines who will be awarded CCCA California State Chess Championship Points, and thus represent CCCA in the Championship Tournament sponsored by the California State Chess Federation. We wish Mike well in this event and the MPCCLUB has donated a small check to help cover some of his expenses.

It would seem that our Monterey County Chess Champion could be seeded into this play-off tournament by virtue of his title.

Wally Getz, a Pacific Grove CPA (a good man with your income tax form - call him at 372 5836), formerly of Los Gatos, has presented MPCCLUB with a fine library of assorted chess books. As soon as we can find time to catalogue this collection we will publish information on how members may borrow these volumes for leisurely perusal. If someone will donate a book case that will hold some of these books we will put them on display at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center - for all to enjoy.

The following from the American Chess Bulletin - 1930.

THE KNIGHT'S ERRANT
(by the White Queen's Knight)

What do I think of modern chess?
Why, it's often dull and slow,
But I'll tell you a tale of an escapade
That didn't turn out so.

In desperation Black gave up
The open game one day,
And started off his opening
In a most unusual way.

I played my Pawn up to King's fourth,
The way I always do;
His he stopped upon King's third;
Of course, that's nothing new.

"A little French," I thought and smiled,
"An easy game for me;"
I played my Pawn up to Queen's fourth
And sat back easily.

But then he quietly slid his Pawn
Onto his King's Knight's three,
And I decided it was time
To get up front and see.

So I leaped up to Bishop's third
But he knew what he wanted to do
He played his King's Knight jaunt
Over to his King's two.

Said I, "This looks quite serious.
I may never come back alive,
But I think I'll take a chance and
jump
Ahead onto Knight's five.

"Ah ha!" said he, "So that's your
game!"
I must drive you off I see,
And now how best to do it. Surely!
Pawn to Queen's Bishop's three.

Then I winked to her Royal Highness
I knew he was in a fix.
I girt my loins and sprang again,
This time to my Queen's six.

"Check," said I most modestly
And added with a smile, /gan
"I hope you'll come back to the op
Once in a while."

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